

HOUSE BILL 888

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ENROLLED BILL

-- Health and Government Operations/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **Delegates Bohanan, Barkley, Bartlett, Barve, Cryor, Glassman, Hutchins, James, Jameson, Mitchell, O'Donnell, Owings, Parrott, Rzepkowski, Shank, and Wood Wood, Bates, Boutin, Cadden, Conroy, Frush, Healey, Hennessy, Howard, Kaiser, Minnick, Rudolph, Weldon, Hammen, Oaks, Murray, Costa, Benson, Mandel, McDonough, Redmer, Goldwater, Morhaim, Nathan-Pulliam, Elliott, Pendergrass, Bromwell, Haynes, Smigiel, Donoghue, and V. Turner**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning Council**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning
4 Council; providing for the membership, purposes, and staffing of the Council;
5 requiring the Council to report to certain persons by a certain date; providing for
6 the effective date and termination of this Act; and generally relating to the
7 Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning Council.

1 Preamble

2 WHEREAS, Maryland plays a prominent role in our nation's defense through
3 its many defense laboratories, private sector companies, and military installations;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Those military installations will be scrutinized as part of the
6 United States Department of Defense's Efficient Facilities Initiative (EFI), otherwise
7 known as the "BRAC of 2005", a review process that is expected to close up to 25% of
8 the existing military bases in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Maryland's industries, universities, businesses, and workers have
10 contributed to our nation's defense, utilizing their capital, talents, and skills to
11 develop and produce important new technologies and advanced weapons systems,
12 aircraft, and missiles; and

13 WHEREAS, Maryland needs a focused, coordinated federal military installation
14 retention effort within the State in order to protect the existing defense installations
15 and facilities within the State; now, therefore,

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That:

18 (a) There is a Maryland Military Installation Strategic Planning Council.

19 (b) The Council consists of the following members:

20 (1) three members selected by the President of the Senate to represent
21 community interests, of which:

22 (i) one shall be a member of the Senate; and

23 (ii) two shall be citizens representing communities adjacent to
24 military installations;

25 (2) three members selected by the Speaker of the House of Delegates to
26 represent community interests, of which:

27 (i) one shall be a member of the House of Delegates; and

28 (ii) two shall be citizens representing communities adjacent to
29 military installations;

30 (3) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or ~~a~~ the
31 Secretary's designee; ~~and~~

32 (4) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

33 (5) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

34 (6) the President of the Southern Maryland Navy Alliance;

- 1 (7) the President of the Army Alliance;
- 2 (8) the President of the Naval Energetics Alliance;
- 3 (9) the President of the Maritime Alliance;
- 4 (10) the President of the Fort Detrick Alliance; and
- 5 ~~(4)~~ (11) ~~six~~ five members selected by the Governor of which ~~three~~ shall
6 ~~be citizens.~~
- 7 ~~(e)~~ ~~Each member of the Council shall be appointed on or before July 1, 2003.~~
- 8 ~~(d)~~ (c) (1) The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Council.
- 9 (2) The chairman may:
- 10 (i) appoint additional members who are presidents of other
11 military base advocacy groups that are nonprofit organizations and recognized by the
12 Department of Business and Economic Development; and
- 13 (ii) appoint ex officio members as necessary to address specific
14 issues, including a representative of the Maryland National Guard.
- 15 ~~(e)~~ (d) The Department of Business and Economic Development shall
16 provide staff support to the Council.
- 17 ~~(f)~~ (e) A member of the Council may not receive compensation for serving on
18 the Council but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
19 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.
- 20 ~~(g)~~ (f) The Council shall make reasonable efforts, as funds allow, to:
- 21 (1) identify the public infrastructure and other community support
22 necessary to improve mission efficiencies and for the development and expansion of
23 existing military installations in the State;
- 24 (2) identify the existing and potential impacts of encroachment on
25 military installations in the State;
- 26 (3) identify potential State and community actions that can minimize
27 the impacts of encroachment and enhance the long term potential of military
28 installations;
- 29 (4) identify opportunities for collaboration among military contractors,
30 local governments, the State, academic institutions, and military departments to
31 enhance the economic potential of military installations and the economic benefits of
32 military installations to the State;

1 (5) review State policies, including funding and legislation, to identify
2 actions necessary to prepare for the United States Department of Defense Efficient
3 Facilities Initiative that will begin in 2005; and

4 (6) research how other jurisdictions have addressed the issues regarding
5 encroachment and partnership formation.

6 ~~(h)~~ (g) On or before December 31, 2003, the Council shall report its findings
7 and recommendations to the Governor, and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State
8 Government Article, to the General Assembly.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
10 June 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the
11 end of December 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
12 this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.